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**Testimony in Support of HR 164/HCR 182
House Committee On Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs Hearing
on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 11:00 P.M. in Conference Room 420**

Representative Takayama, Chair, Representative Gates, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

The Department of Hawaii, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) represents 4,300 members in 20 Posts located throughout the State of Hawaii. VFW is a federally chartered national association of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who have served the United States of America in wars, campaigns, and expeditions on foreign soil or in hostile waters.

H.C. 164/H.C.R. 182, Both resolutions urge the United State Government and Hunt companies to reserve the Ewa Field land to preserve World War II historic and Hawaiian cultural sites at the former Marine Corps Air Station Ewa for the creation of the Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park.

VFW Hawaii members have attended annual memorial ceremonies held on Ewa Field land to honor the marines and civilians who were killed there by Japanese aircraft bullets and bombs on December 7, 1941. Their legacy and those of marine and naval aviators who served at Marine Corps Air Station Ewa during World War II must be preserved in the Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park which would include Hawaiian cultural sites found on the Ewa plains.

VFW Hawaii members believe that the National Park Service (NPS) is the appropriate U.S. Government agency which should be responsible for the early development and operation of the Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park as a part of the NPS WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of H.R. 164/H.C.R. 182.

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In support of HCR 182 and or HR164

Aloha Chair Rep. Gregg Takayama, Chair, Rep. Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair and members of the Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs committee

And Thank you Rep Rida Cabanilla for introducing these resolutions.

I believe these two resolutions are easy no-brainers with no downside for anyone and a win-win for everyone in the community, especially all veterans and their families.

The Ewa Memorial Park concept really has a long and extremely well vetted history in the community as well as among many state reps and lawmakers, going back to HCR-49 in 2009. The supporters who passed this reso unanimously include many elected officials, one who went on to become governor and city council members. Others are still there at the Hawaii ledge!

Also four Oahu neighborhood boards (Ewa, Waipahu, Kailua and Kapolei-Makakilo) unanimously supported language very similar to HCR-49.

In addition, the subsequent result has also been that Ewa Field – former MCAS Ewa, has to date received approximately \$180,000 in National Park Service Battlefield Protection program grants- 2014, 2017 and 2018, to do state and national register nominations and follow-up site identification. The Hawaii State Review board passed the Ewa Field nomination unanimously in 2015 and the site was officially placed on the NPS National Register in May, 2016.

In the 10 years of Save Ewa Field commemorations, thousands have attended from the local communities as well as many national and international visitors, including Japan. All branches of the US military have helped support the annual commemorations with ceremonial units, fly-overs. JROTC units from West Oahu high schools have played major supporting roles, as well as platoons from the Hawaii Youth Challenge Academy.

And further, the US Navy has funded an additional Cultural Landscape Assessment (CLA) as part of the land transfer process to Hunt Development Corporation. Hunt Corp is also currently funding an Ewa Battlefield Preservation Plan which has been consulting with members of the area community, including historians, veterans and museums.

Ewa Field and the surrounding Ewa community is a really rich historic area, which includes Ewa Plantation Villages, the British Royal Navy documented 1825 Hawaiian trails to the Ewa shore, and the Hawaiian Railway Museum which still operates regular train rides on the King David Kalakaua chartered Oahu Railway that reached Ewa Mill in 1890, creating one the most successful and profitable sugar plantation in Hawaii's history.

And only just recently one of the outer anchor blocks of the 1925 Ewa Mooring Mast Field was located which suggests most if not all of the original mooring mast anchoring system is still there just below the ground surface.

And here is why the resolution primarily advocates for an Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park: On the morning of December 7, 1941, one of the most fateful days in American and Hawaiian history, the Ewa Mooring Mast airfield was attacked by the inbound Imperial Japanese naval air forces on their way to bomb Pearl Harbor. Four Marines were killed in the ensuing battle, fighting back with just 1903 Springfield bolt action rifles against superior Japanese aircraft diving down on them.

However, Ewa Mooring Mast Field was not finished with its major rendezvous with history as the Navy decided in very early 1942 to spend huge sums in money, materials and labor planned for NAS Barbers Point airfield and pour it instead into the rapid construction of what unofficially became Naval Air Station Ewa to support two Navy aircraft carrier groups.

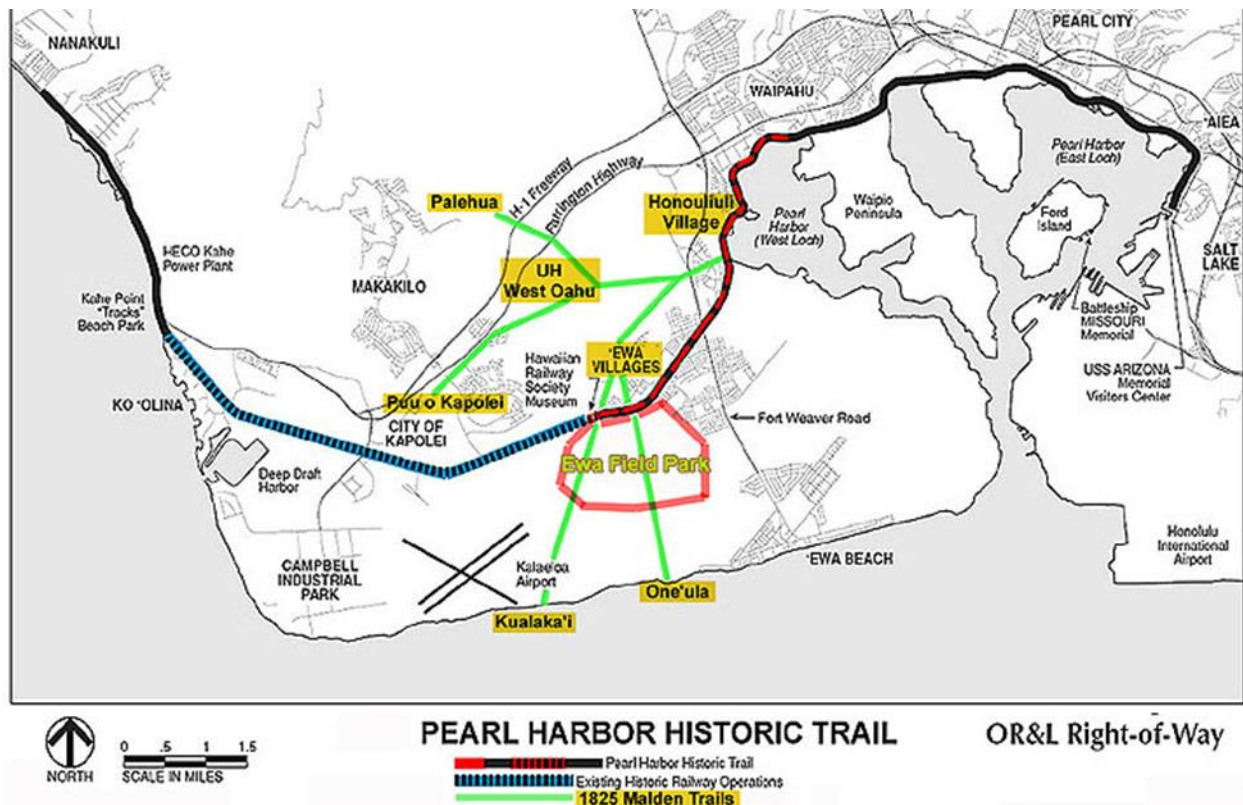
Like a Phoenix rising from the ashes, the vastly expanded Navy and Marine airbase provided supporting aircraft (on board the USS Hornet- just recently found) for the April 1942 B-25 Doolittle Raid on Tokyo, the hugely significant May 1942 Battle of Coral Sea (on board the USS Lexington – just recently found) and then the massive and miraculous victory that destroyed four Japanese aircraft carriers in early June 1942. Many Ewa Field Marine planes were lost defending Midway airfield while many Ewa Field Navy planes were lost from the USS Yorktown (found in 1998.) These are all incredible stories of bravery and heroism of planes and pilots that came from Ewa Field and which will soon be coming to movie screens worldwide in 2019 with the currently in production Battle of Midway film with a \$150 million budget.

But Ewa Field wasn't finished yet, moving on to become Marine Corps Air Station Ewa in September 1, 1942 and supporting the next major offensives in the Pacific including the Battle of Guadalcanal. Marine pilots created legendary histories of ground and air combat bravery winning Medals of Honor and ace pilot designations – with many never living to see their homes, families and the end of the Pacific War. Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park will remember all of them, including the heroes of Wake Island that most have entirely forgotten today. This is an incredible history story which can really only be told at Ewa Field – Ewa Mooring Mast Field – Marine Corps Air Station Ewa.

John Bond

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John M. Bond". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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Save Ewa Field - Kanehili Cultural Hui



The Hunt Corp is funding an Ewa Battlefield Preservation Plan here:

<http://ewabattlefield.blogspot.com/>

Ewa Battlefield's NPS listing is here:

<https://www.nps.gov/places/ewa-plain-battlefield.htm>

Below further is an outline for an Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park

Who could manage the park?

<https://www.pacifichistoricparks.org/www/wa/parks>

Oahu has the world class Pacific Historic Parks which manages the USS Arizona, Diamond Head and battlefield parks on Guam and Saipan. The National Park Service is a partner with these park operations. The Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park will tell the missing chapters of the Pacific War not told anywhere else and for those who will never actually see Wake or Midway Island, which are very distant and closed to the public.

What might the park look like? Here is a design incorporating the original 1941 air base and the original 1925 Ewa Mooring Mast Field, later upgraded by the Navy in 1932.



Who will help provide support for site clearing and development?

There are many veterans groups and government programs that can provide non-profit grounds clearing, maintenance, grubbing and landscape work. Also it is very likely large construction companies will provide free construction services as patriotic donations. Many organizations have expressed previous willingness and interest once legal authorization is provided at Ewa Field to proceed. (This has always been the biggest constraint for assistance.)

There are several federal and state programs, including:

Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy – located nearby Ewa Field.

Cadet platoons can be dedicated to continuous on-going Ewa Field Memorial Park projects every year.

Hawaii Army National Guard, 29th Brigade - located nearby Ewa Field.

The Hawaii NG has extensive construction equipment assets for weekend training - civic projects.

CPI non-profit foundation, U.S. military active duty Career Skills Program, partner of NPS.

Department of Defense (DoD) Innovative Readiness Training (IRT)

Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) builds civil-military partnerships between US communities and (DoD)

This can involve Army and Marine engineers, Navy SeaBees, USAF engineers, etc. in civil projects.

Other volunteer organizations that could work at Ewa Field include: The Mission Continues, Team Rubicon, Got Your 6, VFW, VistaCorps, AmeriCorps, etc.



Geiger Gate (still there) seen in 1945 near the end of WW-II

Site Development – Infrastructure – A LOT IS STILL THERE!

Infrastructure – the airfield site actually has significant infrastructure because of many existing WW-II roads, most paved, still existing, as well as runways and taxiways, most built in early 1942 with additional infrastructure work by Navy SeaBees in 1943. Because it was an airfield and later Navy park, there are extensive existing underground electric, telecom conduits, vaults, dry wells installed everywhere as well as sewage and water lines, including fire plugs.

Therefore only a very small amount of funds would be needed to start up an operational park.

The future park has excellent existing infrastructure connectivity to main highways, water and sewer mains and is adjacent to a major airport and shopping center offering a wide variety of selections. In addition the park site could even support helicopter tour landings and even airship tours (a newer technology like electric cars.) There are numerous other Kapolei hotel and restaurants nearby as well as numerous golf course facilities, etc. Directly across from the Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park is the very popular Hawaiian Railway Society that offers regular train rides. **ALL of the elements are in place for a great historic, memorial recreational area!**

Former MCAS Ewa was ALWAYS INTENDED to be an historic memorial park!

Historically, the US Navy always intended the entire former MCAS Ewa area to be a large regional WW-II Pacific War memorial park, as designed by Navy Cross recipient and WW-II air combat hero Commander Wynn Junk, who supervised the former MCAS Ewa memorial park master plan for the Navy in the 1960's. Junk was hired as a Special Services director (today called MWR) to convert the former Marine air station into a major 18 hole golf course with horse stables, baseball field, full gymnasium, skating rink, go cart track, remote controlled model airplane field (using the former runway) as well as camp grounds and family "Victory" gardens growing fresh produce.

Clearly, this is the model for the future Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park.

The Hawaii State legislature voted unanimously for a restored park and museum

The Hawaii State Legislature passed the HCR 49 Ewa Field resolution on May 6, 2009, which three Oahu neighborhood boards passed as well, which stated:

**URGING FULL PRESERVATION OF UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
EWA AS A NATIONAL MONUMENT, MUSEUM, AND RESTORED PARK FOR
THE STATE OF HAWAII**

It makes historic, commemorative, recreational and financial sense

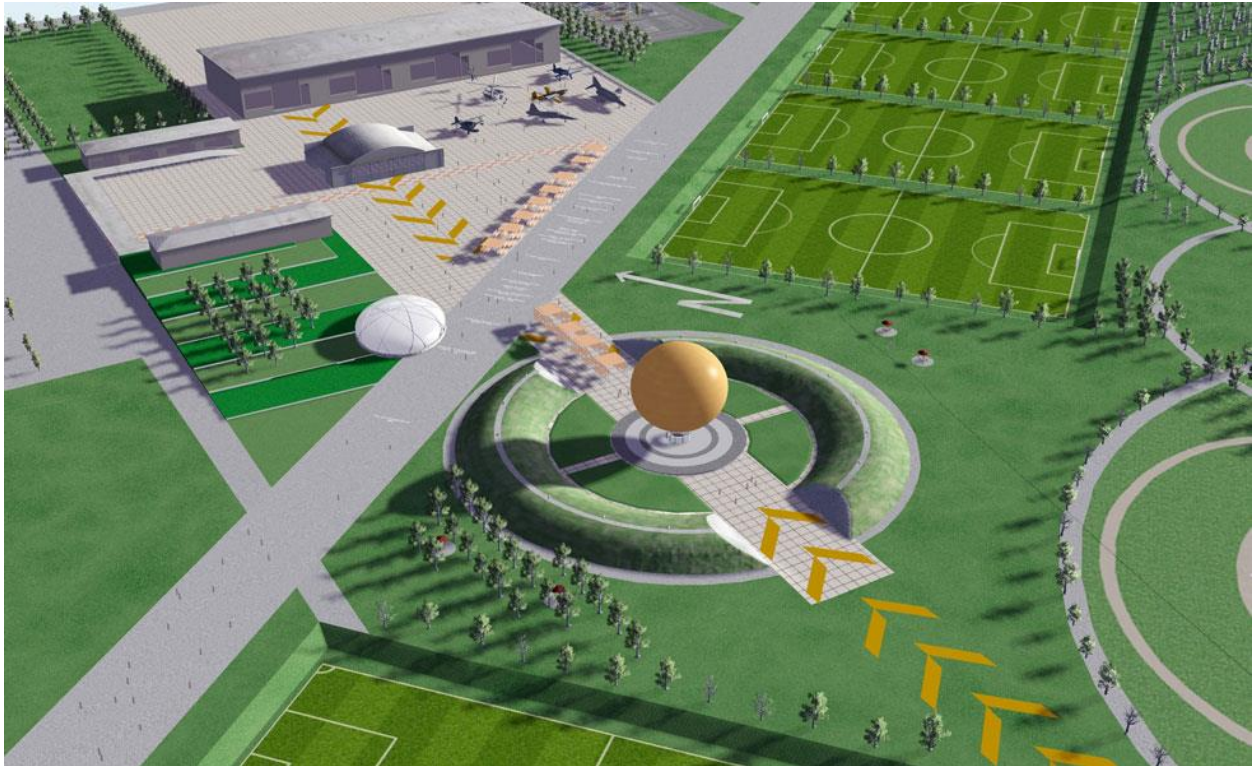
Pearl Harbor has nearly 2 million visitors annually. The Kapolei area and Ko Olina are rapidly becoming Oahu's Second City. The area needs a large park and historic attraction like this.

A Major Concept Model Already Exists For The Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park

And even more relevant today as a model: – the full conversion of MCAS El Toro in California into the Orange County Park concept:

**The Community vote rejected an airport, racetrack,
and wanted just OPEN SPACE**

This included an air museum, tethered balloon ride, nature areas, walking trails



While MCAS El Toro is a much larger scale project than former MCAS Ewa it has some good examples of military airfield reuse concepts similar to the Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park concept. It shows that a large open space can be preserved with historic attractions, farmers markets, community gardens, restored hangar, trails and bike paths, and the interesting concept of a tethered balloon ride that takes people up for a scenic area view. This has proven to be very popular.

This would fit with the original Ewa Mooring Mast concept and a tethered balloon ride wouldn't need to go any higher than 50-100 feet to offer an historic "Mooring Mast" view of the park, as well as a revenue generating source. Ewa Field is in an air traffic controlled airspace.

An alternative could be a park viewing tower where the 1925 Ewa Mooring Mast was. It was originally 100 feet, but cut down to 40 feet by 1930's and was an aircraft control tower in 1941-42. Viewing towers are also very popular at many historic and scenic parks.

Orange County Park background:

In 2001, The voters of the City of Irvine, Orange County passed "Measure W," authorizing the former air station's use as a central park/nature preserve and multi-use development. The measure was passed, which led to the designation of the land as the Orange County Great Park.

Original Orange County Park Master Plan:

<http://kensmithworkshop.com/ocgp-master-plan.html>

The Orange County Great Park has a variety of attractions and activities centering around physical fitness, agriculture, and the arts. The Great Park also has venues for special events including a restored hangar with historic airplanes and a terraced lawn.

The Great Park Balloon is the park's signature attraction. On July 14, 2007, the balloon ride—designed by Aerophile SA—was the first attraction to open in the park. It transports visitors up to a height of 500 feet for a panoramic view of the county and the construction of the park. The balloon's gondola can fit 25-30 people; large enough to bring up a class of students.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aerophile>

Hangar 244 – Orange County Permanent Heritage and Aviation Exhibition

Partners can include mainland air museums that have historic planes. Also, realistic WW-II mockups of US and Japanese planes run \$50-100 thousand. In Ewa a local military vehicle museum has many vintage WW-II vehicles and WW-II uniformed re-enactors ready to participate. They are seeking a museum location to provide rides and photo opportunities.

Local Ewa History Interpretations Would Include Native Plants and Birds

Preservation of the many native Hawaiian plants that still can be found at the WW-II airfield which include abundant amounts of Yellow Ilima (Oahu's flower) as well as ancient Wiliwili groves. Many plants at Ewa Field, including Sisal, survive from underground Karst waters. Many native and endangered migratory birds can be seen throughout the Ewa base, including Pueo and Barn owls, stilts, ducks, plover, ibis and much more, depending upon time of year.

Connecting with the Hawaiian Railway Society Museum

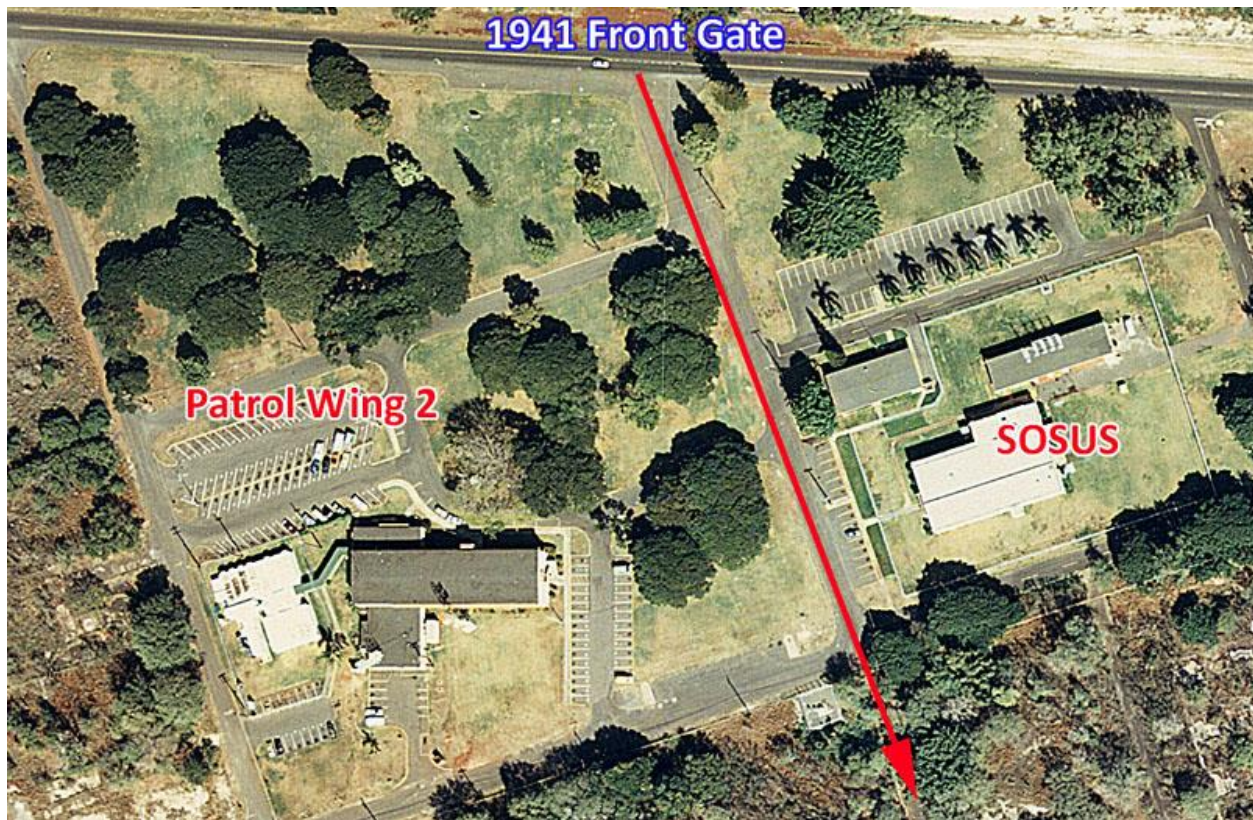
The Hawaiian Railway Society already has an historic railway right-of-way that goes right into the Ewa Field park. The rail spur could be restored to original narrow gauge specification and HRS rolling stock could be displayed with an historic WW-II Oahu railway engine at the park.

Horse riding trails would fit into the original ranching history with a nearby historic stable

The Barbers Point Stable used to be a premier site of Hawaii rodeos attracting thousands. The Ewa rangeland cowboys created coral rock cattle fences throughout the Ewa Field area. The entire airfield area was originally a large Sisal plantation and many are still seen all over.

The Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park connects directly to the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail

The Pearl Harbor Historic Trail leads right to the Ewa Battlefield historic park, allowing a traffic free scenic bike ride around Pearl Harbor to the park and Hawaiian Railway Museum.



Careful study of the Patrol Wing 2 HQ and SOSUS buildings reveal that care was taken to not destroy the original December 7, 1941 sites near the front gate. Many subsurface archeology features still exist that indicate the original 1941 buildings and flagpole. The PatWing2 HQ building has great roadway access and substantial staff and visitor parking areas for an historic park.



Original key 1941 building and sites were preserved by later new construction



<http://barbers-point-cold-war.blogspot.com/2014/01/POW-MIA-Barbers-Point.html>

Ewa Battlefield memorial Park - Zoning and Planning

The former MCAS Ewa lands are still currently owned by the US Navy and proposed park area is compatible with the Hawaii Community Development Authority general plans for a regional park. The Navy lands are listed as F-1 Preservation and post base closure maps show the former MCAS Ewa as an intended regional park and open space area.

National Register nomination write-up for the 2015 State nomination of Ewa Battlefield and the 2016 Federal NPS nomination of Ewa Battlefield were nominated under criteria A and D.

Criteria:

A. That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; and D, That have yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory. (Prehistory means the archeological and geological features of Ewa Battlefield.)

Other Hawaiian Cultural Features

The Ewa ancient coral reef karst landscape is of major significance in understanding how unique the Ewa Field landscape really is. All of the original buildings in Honolulu were built from ancient coral reef materials. Ewa Field is one of the last great karst landscapes in Hawaii that is so directly visible. There are coral caves all over the area including burial caves, rare native plants, native birds and Hawaiian trails (known as the 1825 Malden Trails, from Honouliuli to the Oneula and Kualaka'i coastal villages.)

The Marines also brought back all kinds of plants from Pacific bases, as well as from their original San Diego area SW deserts. The range of native and exotic trees and plants is really amazing at Ewa Field, mostly fed by the underground karst streams that come from the Waianae mountain volcano. The Ewa airfield also attracts a range of many migratory birds species throughout the year (owls, Ibis, ducks, even fishhawks and occasional sea eagle.) There are wetlands out there and endangered opae ula freshwater shrimp in the sinkhole caves that are fed by underground streams.

[Ewa Field Winter Season](#)

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[Ewa Karst](#)

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Harlow	SCCA	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi, I'm Chris Harlow, testifying on behalf of the Oahu chapter of the Sports Car Club of America. I'm writing my testimony tonight to oppose HCR 182, on the grounds that the tract of land in question would be better suited for use as a motorsports park. As it currently stands, there are several parks within the Kapolei/Ewa/Kalaeloa area, but there is no motorsports park on the Island of Oahu. While there are other areas within the states of Hawaii, with which enthusiasts are able to enjoy motorsports, it is neither feasible, nor realistic, to expect normal people to ship their car to a neighbor island to partake.

If a dedicated motorsports park was created on the state of Oahu, it would go a long way to reducing the amount of illegal street racing that happens on Friday and Saturday nights, most of which is happening in the Campbell industrial area. Building a motorsports park in that area would hopefully encourage those racers to take their ventures off the streets, and pursue them in a sanctioned and controlled environment.



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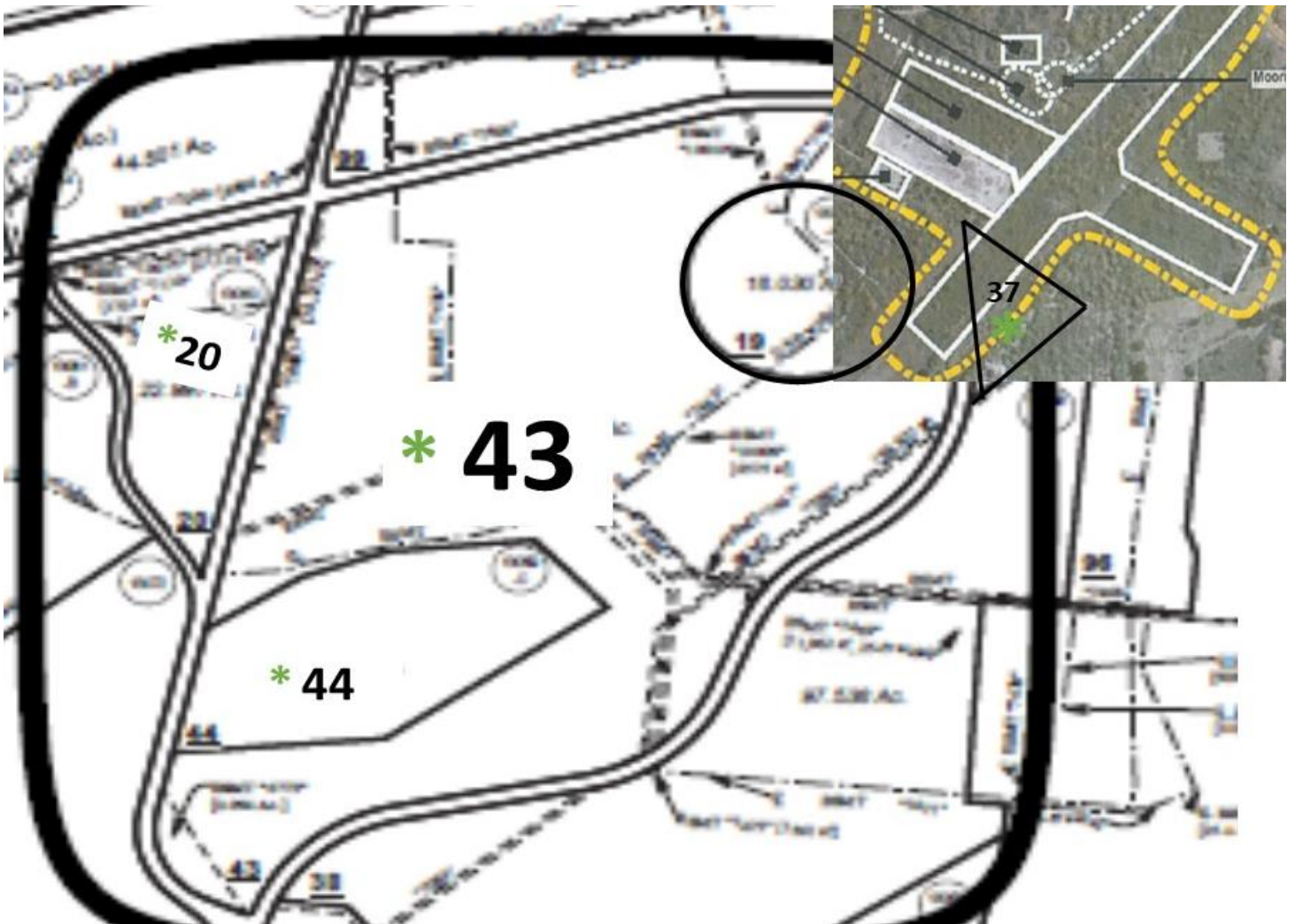
IN OPPOSITION OF THE DISCRIMINATION OF MOTORSPORTS RECREATION Of HCR 182 Supporter John Bond.

This testimonial statement **REGARDING HCR 182** is by AAC a Professional Environmental Compliance Contracting Firm voluntarily helping the following 3 Non-Profit 501(c) entities who are in support of HCR 42 Resolution to **Resume** Motorsports Recreation Activities adjacent to the HCR182 1941 Preservation Property in which proponents of HCR182 want to BAN Motorsports activity that historically was founded on Military Airfields ;

- 1) NASBP Naval Air Station Barbers Point Museum.
- 2) SCCA -Sports Car Club of America Hawaii region.
- 3) University of Hawaii Manoa RWR Rainbow Warriors SAE Formula 1 Car Race Team.

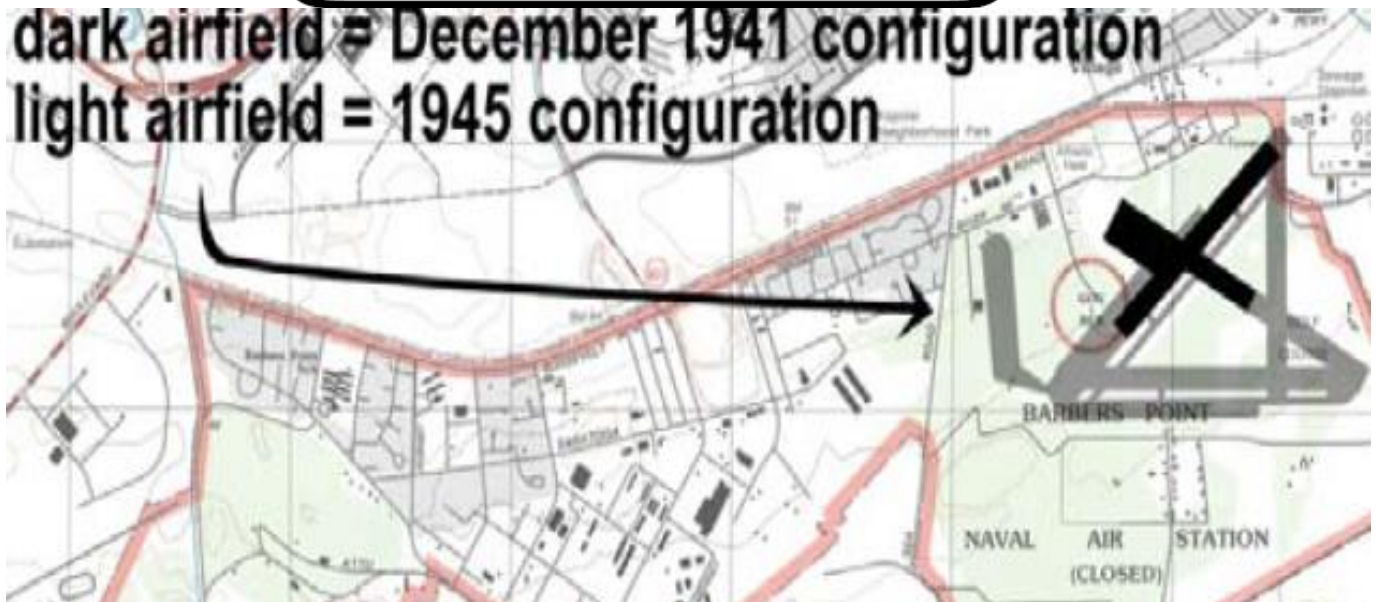
AAC is a Regulatory Consulting Company (established 1988) in excellent business standings HCE /Hi Pro compliant, licensed in the State of Hawaii specializing in Environmental Compliance issues.

On behalf of 1) NASBP, 2) SCCA -Hawaii region and 3) UH Manoa RWR, we support HCR42 for the use of the 220 Acres property involved, for the purpose of **Restoring the existing Asphalt of the Post 1945 Ewa Airfield Runways and Tarmac (Non-Historical Preserved -Area) West portion of the 1941 Ewa Battle field area** located in the 3 City Park Pending Parcels (lots 20,44, and portion of 43).



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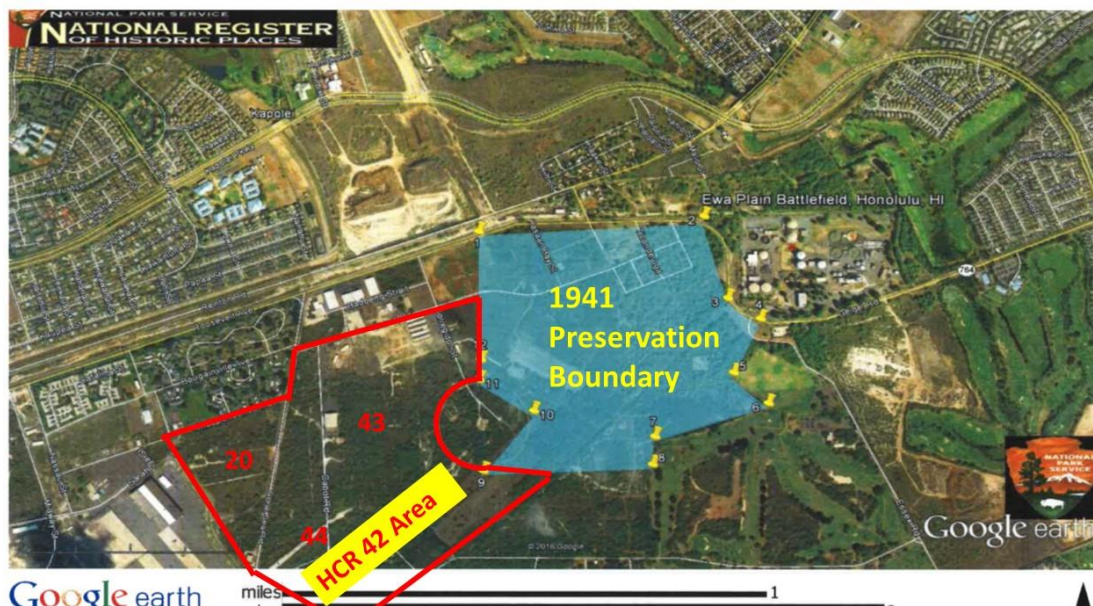
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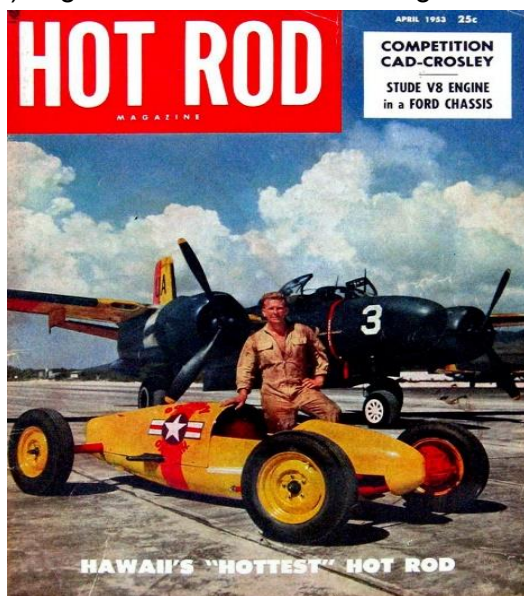
We STRONGLY OPPOSE the Discrimination of HCR 182 supporter John Bond against Racers and Supporters of Motorsports. We support HCR 42 for the Restoration of the existing 1945 Configuration Asphalt Airstrips property, labeled in YELLOW RECTANGLE HCR 42 Area, to be used as;

- 1) Historical Film Park and Civil Defense Landing Zone Support use for the Barbers Point Naval Air Museum (Hawaii Flying Museum) and Kalaeloa Airport.
&
- 2) Motorsports Public Park Use of restored airstrips by SCCA Hawaii and training for the UH Rainbow Warrior Race Team

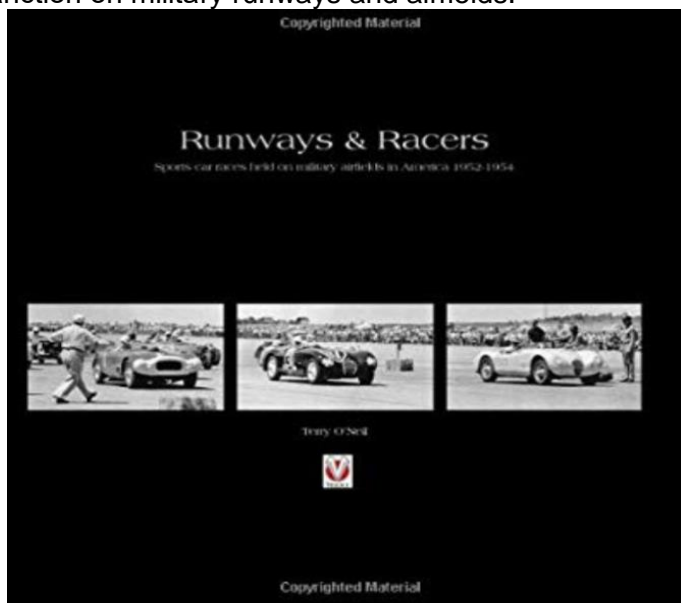
SUPPORTER OF HCR 182 John Bond will tell you that the proposed Motorsports Park on Post 1945 Abandoned runways is being proposed on the Sacred Historical Landmark Preservation land nominated by the National Register of Historical Places. **This is False.** The 1941 preservation boundaries from the most recent 2016 NPS Report is the Hunt Property adjacent to the 1945 configuration and a very small portion of lot 43.



SUPPORTERS OF HCR 182 will tell you that Motorsports and Car Racing is sacrilegious, disrespectful and inappropriate to be conducted on a Military Air field Landing Strips. **This is False.** SCCA (Sports Car Club America) began in the 1940's with racing events sanction on military runways and airfields.



Hot Rod Magazine April 1953

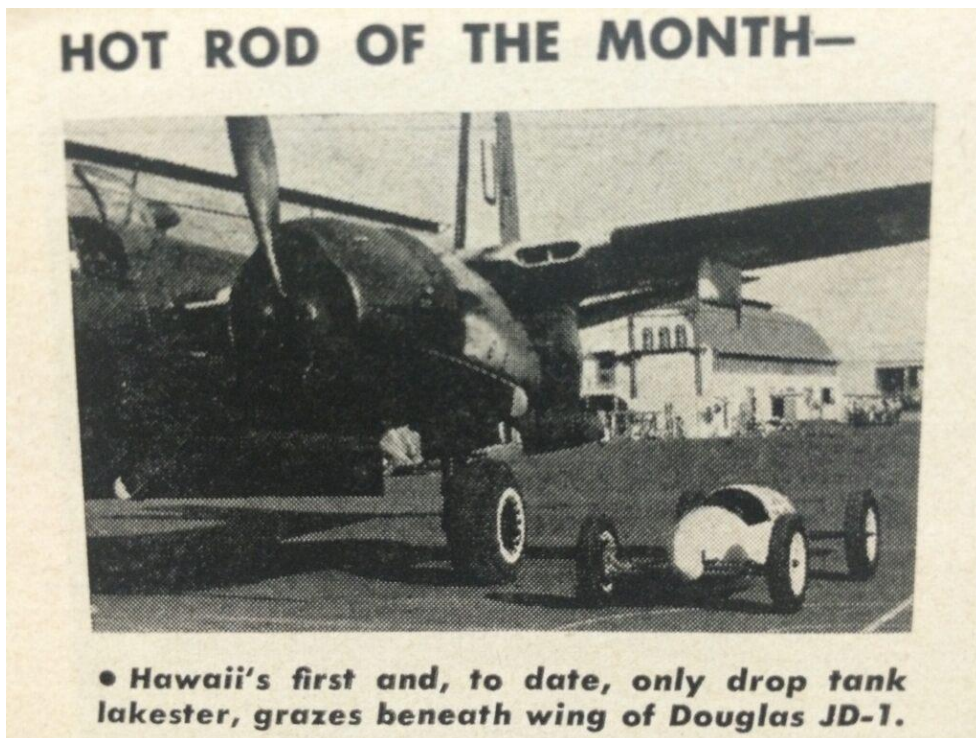


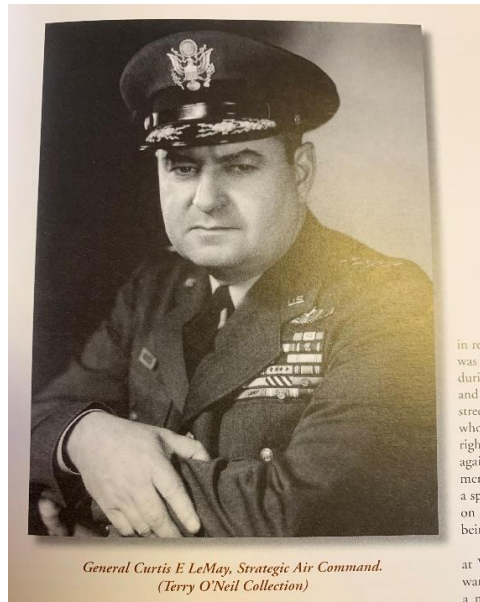
Runways & Racers

SCCA racing events were held in this locations Airfields from the 1940 up to year 2000 with SCCA Hawaii Region. The cover of Hot Rod Magazine above features Naval Aviator Harvey Haller stationed at Barbers Point on the Ewa Airfield runways with his race car.



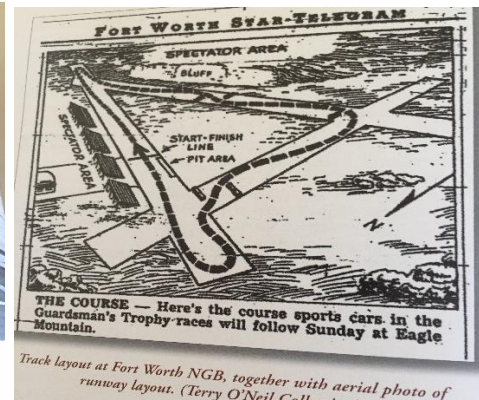
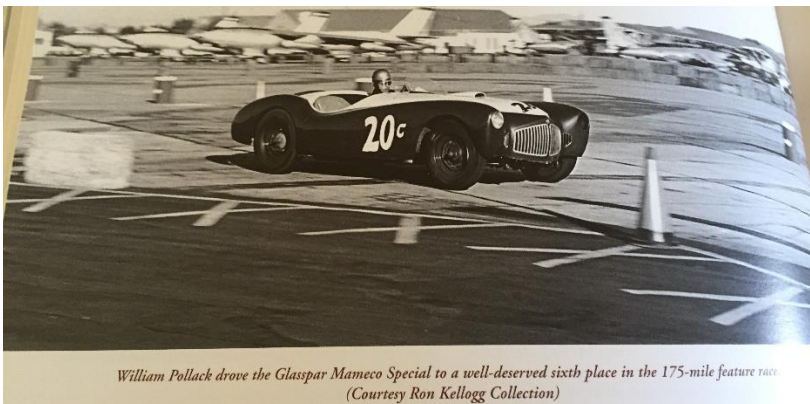
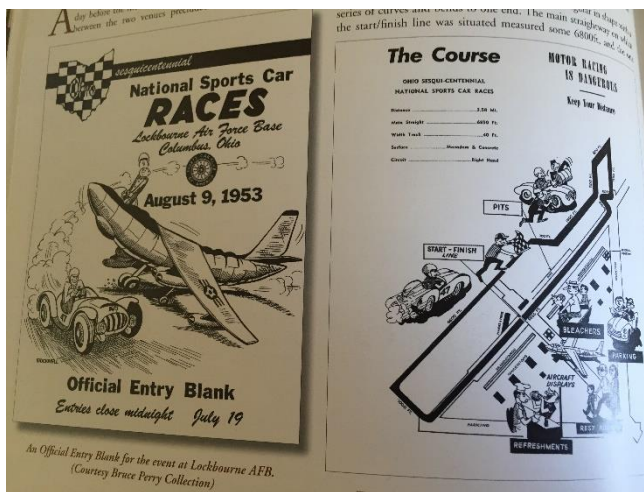
Lieutenant And Naval Aviator Harvey Haller Built His Tank With Flathead Power While Stationed In Honolulu. Stateside He Partnered With Frank Breene To Install A 364 Inch Chrysler.





General Curtis E. Lemay From Runways & Racers by Terry O'neil

Racing on Airfields and Runways started in the 1940's but it was until the 1950's that General Curtis E. Lemay of the Strategic Air Command (SAC) partners with SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) to host sanctioned Car racing events on Military Airfields and Runways. General LeMAY stated that " the races would improve SAC's welfare, preparedness and effectiveness " and new it was a type of recreation his airmen would enjoy to keep them enlisted and on the bases.



The Navy in Honolulu Hawaii permitted SCCA racing on the Ewa Airfield Property Property As stated in HCR 42 , the 1999 City Application to the National Parks Service stated that SCCA events were held on this exact location.

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24 WHEREAS, the application to the National Park Service
25 acknowledged that car racing is an acknowledged recreational
26 activity and the abandoned military infrastructure at Kalaeloa
27 is appropriate for car racing; and

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FROM NPS application of 1999;

Area 9. Sports Training Facility and Other Recreational Activities

The total area is about 250 acres of which about 150 acres are set aside for the future sports training facility. This training site will probably not be developed during the initial 10 years but will be built based on market studies over the next 20 years. The remaining 100 acres will be used for various recreational activities not related to the training center.

The area is fairly level, sloping slightly toward the sea with elevations ranging from about 25 to 55 feet. (The Coral Pit cuts into an area along the south side of Bismarck Sea Road, just east of Coral Sea Road.) Coarse sand covers the coral outcrop here with only imported soil. Vegetation is *koa haole*, *kiawe* and nonnative grasses with the bird and mammal species typical of the NASBP.

Suitable for much-needed community gardens are about 10 acres along the south side of Independence Road and northeast of the National Guard area. It is fairly level land, sloping to the ocean with hard-packed coral rubble over the coral outcrop with some imported other soil and requiring only a few more inches of additional soil to be brought in.

A number of Ewa residents raise vegetables and flowers in the 14 acres of community gardens in Wahiawa, 10 to 12 miles away, but transportation is difficult for many. Creating a community garden in this area would benefit Ewa gardeners who do not own their own green space and cannot afford the high prices of Oahu's fruits and vegetables. The DPR's Botanical Gardens Division supervises 10 community gardens (about 30 acres) around Oahu.

Ideal for conversion into park maintenance facilities are two large buildings existing in this area and formerly used by the Navy as a small aircraft hangar and for equipment storage. Once converted, these buildings would accommodate park maintenance machinery and materials.

The asphalt runway from the abandoned airport is well suited for in-line hockey and other skating uses, providing enough space for at least two rinks. In addition, Oahu's Model Airplane Club members now use the runway area to fly model airplanes, and the Sports Car Club of America currently sponsors autocross events on the runway.

Restrictions. Portions of this site are recommended for preservation. They include a former World War II antiaircraft battery complex, a sinkhole complex that may contain historical artifacts, and a historical site containing a cultivation wall, perhaps constructed by ancient Hawaiians. The DPR will not disturb nor develop these sites.

Before the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) the SCCA Hawaii region hosted many Autocross events on the asphalt runways of the abandoned Ewa Airfield airport at Barbers Point.

SUPPORTER OF HCR 182 John Bond will tell you the Racers will cause fires and explosion and dump hazardous waste and fuel in the soil and are irresponsible.

These **Racers** that participated in SCCA racing on the property still reside in Honolulu and still have their race cars; Attorney Mr. Ed Kemper, Mr. Avery Tsui President of Hawaii SCCA, Dr. Collyer Young well known and respectable dentist in Kaimuki and UH Professor of Civil Engineering Dr. Panos Prevedouros Ph.D.

In July of 1999 The City and County of Honolulu granted SCCA verbal permission to **stay** at Barbers Point, and stated when the transfer of property ownership is complete, SCCA Hawaii would be given written confirmation. 20 years later the Transfer **has not been finalized** and City Council Resolution 18-265 Requesting to Expedite the Transfer (after a 20 year delay) was approved on December 2018 and to submit a progress report within 60 days by March of 2019. [HUILA newsletter See *Solo II Talk* By; Jennifer Lee]



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Solo II Talk

By: Jennifer Lee

Photos By: Lisa Arakawa

June's autocross was almost the exact opposite of May's autocross. The clear, blue sky showed no traces of rain clouds as the heat set in. The drivers meeting announced extremely good news. The City and County has granted the SCCA verbal permission to stay at Barbers Point. When the transfer of property ownership is complete, we will be given written confirmation. Talk about a sigh of relief.



Jerry Balcer, NSX, 73.006

Our innovative course designers came up with a very technical track. Those of you who didn't like May's track probably enjoyed June's track much more. It began with a left-hand turn into a couple of tight swerves that continued to a very sharp and tight right-hander. After this turn was where a person started to pick up the speed into a few offset gates. Next, the it flowed into the backside of the track at the old tire wall area. Here was an angled 180° turn followed by a left-hand 90° turn. This turn led to the same 360° turn as May's track but in the opposite direction. As you finished the turn you embarked upon a 6 cone increasing and decreasing slalom. To

finish the track, there were 2 tight 90° turns to slow people down. These creative tracks are getting harder and harder to formulate. The reason being the limited amount of space. The grass, weeds, and bushes are taking over our area slowly, but surely. The SCCA is always willing to have a volunteer clean-up day to rid the ground of such unwanted inhabitants. We would need some heavy duty yard equipment to do the job. If you have any connections to these items, please contact the SCCA. Weedwackers are not sufficient enough to eliminate the weeds. The compensation is free fun runs for the rest of the day!



Keith Greer, Red Devil F440

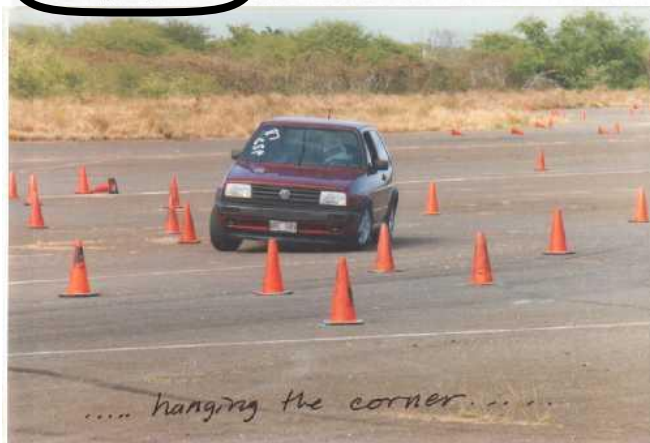
June had a pretty good turn out. 52 racers came to the track, 9 of which were novices. **Denny Balbirona, Stacy Balbirona, Jerry Balcer, John Engelbert, Brently Hume, Sang Leong, Francis Lining, Chris Powell, and Yugo Tsukikama** were introduced to the world of autocrossing last Sunday. John Engelbert, Brently Hume, and **Ed Kemper** came out with the Mustang Club, the featured club of the month. Taking fastest time of the day was **Stephen Oliberos** in his red, white, and blue EP Datsun 510. He turned a 62.219. Coming in a close



Kevin Ham, Datsun 240Z

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Name	Make	Model	Run1 C	Run2 C	Run3 C	Run4 C	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
SS Class Average : 78.517										
Joyce Murray	Mazda	RX-7	78.708	77.913	79.309	1 78.631 1	77.913	37	64.668	17
Greg Garceau	Chevrolet	Corvette	79.264	79.122	1 80.486	1 80.307 1	79.122	44	65.671	27
AS Class Average : 77.207										
Collyer Young	Porsche	911 Carrera	73.420	79.332	1 73.547	76.751 2	73.420	8	62.480	11
Colin Sato	Honda	S2000	78.729	1 78.197	1 75.708	1 80.568 1	75.708	16	64.428	16
Yi-Wen Ting	BMW	Z3	89.671	82.846	82.493	84.606	82.493	56	70.202	54
BS Class Average : 83.639										
Darrell Wong	Porsche	914	78.476	78.599	78.137	1 75.700	75.700	15	61.393	8
Panos Prevedovros	Mazda	Miata	82.487	81.259	81.102	79.987	79.987	49	64.869	21
Edward Kemper III	BMW	325is	88.176	82.751	87.335	3 81.342	81.342	52	65.968	30
David Petruska	Mazda	Miata	85.623	DNF	82.115	82.968 1	82.115	55	66.595	37
Ray R. Smith	BMW	328i	85.981	89.253	3 82.904	86.162 1	82.904	58	67.235	41
Tammy Foster	Mazda	Miata	96.915	89.014	DNF	90.353 1	89.014	69	72.190	61 N
Lindsey Corpuz	BMW	328i	DNF	DNF	DNF	94.411 1	94.411	71	76.567	71 N





SUPPORTER OF HCR 182 John Bond will tell you that Motorsports and Car Racing at this property will be noisy and would be a environmental noise issue and would disturb and be a grave concern to the residents and businesses in the vicinity. This is FALSE. The location is at the end of the Kalaeloa Airport and under the Landing Path of Honolulu Airport.

Only **30 seconds** away on the same street, a private track KRP Kalaeloa Raceway Park on DHHL land was in operation from 2010 to 2014. The State of Hawaii Dept of Health Noise Section issued a letter that during its operation there has **NEVER** been a Noise Complaint. KRP also conducted Drag Racing.

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In reply, please refer to:
File:

December 13, 2018

Ms. Crystal Kionia
Office Manager
Representative Sam S. Kong
Hawaii State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 313
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Ms. Kionia:

This correspondence is in response to your inquiry concerning the old Kalaeloa Raceway Park located off Coral Sea Road.

The Noise Section has not received any noise complaints for that venue from 2010 to 2014. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (808) 586-4700 or email me at james.toma@doh.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James E. Toma".

James E. Toma
Noise Section Supervisor
Indoor and Radiological Health Branch

Today SCCA of Hawaii holds car racing events at Aloha Stadium when the Aloha Stadium parking lot is available, which is very scarce and limited. This is a residential area and there has never been a Noise complaint from SCCA racing ever. Aloha Stadium Manager Mr. Scott L. Chan has provided a letter of reference of SCCA that there has never been a no noise complaints ever been made from SCCA events.

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March 5, 2019

Mr. Avery Tsui
Regional Executive
Hawaii Region, Sports Car Club of America
Honolulu, HI

Dear Mr. Tsui:

For more than 16 years, the Sports Car Club of America has been one of our valued and long-time clients conducting Driving Skills Contest events at our facility.

Our business relationship began with Mr. Curtis Lee (who unfortunately is no longer with us), and has since continued through his daughter, Jennifer Parker, Chairperson of Hawaii Region – Solo Division. Over the long history of SCCA Hawaii hosting events at Aloha Stadium, there have not been any complaints regarding noise from SCCA-related events.

We are pleased to say that Ms. Parker has been a pleasure to work with. She has also represented this industry well and we look forward to the continued success of our business partnership at Aloha Stadium.

Please feel free to call me at (808) 483-2750 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Scott L. Chan
Stadium Manager

SUPPORTER OF HCR 182 John Bond will tell you that the State and the City Counties of Hawaii should not support and does not support Motorsports facilities at all. This is FALSE.

Neighbor island Raceway parks receive 2 to 3 Million dollars of State money for Capital improvements Support, BUT zero goes to Oahu motorsports.



- School
- \$2.25 million for emergency dredging and replacement of buoys at Lahaina Small Boat Harbor
 - \$6 million for construction of a regional park for central Maui
 - \$4 million for construction of a Maui office and annex building to support various state departmental divisions and programs
 - \$500,000 for plans and designs for a Kahoolawe education center in South Maui
 - **\$2 million for improvement to Maui Raceway Park**
 - \$3.3 million for replacement of the sewage lift/pump station at Kahului Airport
 - \$7.5 million for the renovations of restrooms at Kahului Airport
 - \$8.8 million for the design and construction of

SUPPORTER OF HCR 182 John Bond will tell you that land on Oahu is scarce and is a high demand and a premium for open green play fields and that this property should be used for a the **Proposed Cartwright Park Baseball Training Facility** a “ Sports Fitness Complex “ and provide more conventional sport ball parks and absolutely NOTHING for Motorsports .

Governor David Ige in Sept 2018 approved the purchase of 3,000 acres in Central Oahu’s Helemano area to provide the residents of Oahu **more conventional sports and open fields** and parks space . The subject property of SCR 108 is dry arid land property located in an airport crash zone between a Airport and a Sewer Plant is more optimal and suitable for Motorsports Recreational Park Use.

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation in May 31,2011 issued a letter to the National Parks Service and concluded the development of a Sports Complex/ Athletic Health Fitness or Sports Training Facility Center on that property is **NOT** ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE , and deleted such proposal from the original 1999 application to acquire the land .

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May 31, 2011

Mr. David Siegenthaler
Federal Lands to Parks Program Coordinator
United States Department of the Interior National Park Service
Pacific West Region
1111 Jackson Street, Suite 700
Oakland, California 94607-4817

Dear Mr. Siegenthaler:

Subject: Application Update-City and County of Honolulu Application for
Federal Surplus Property for Public Park or Recreation Purposes (1999)

The Department of Parks and Recreation is pleased to submit the following application update describing a conceptual level plan for the utilization of the parcels for public park, a time frame for development of a master plan and an estimated program of utilization.

After the City's recent withdrawal of five parcels representing approximately 82.5 acres from the 1999 application the parcels remaining to be conveyed to the City and County of Honolulu represent approximately 420.7 acres, identified as parcels 13058-B, 13059-B&C, 13060, 13064-D and 13074-C&D.

The Department of Parks and Recreation plans to utilize most of the remaining parcels essentially as described in the 1999 application. The exception being the development of Athletic Health Fitness Training facilities on parcels 13058-B, 13059-C and 13060.

Please refer to the enclosed Proposed Reuse Areas Barbers Point Naval Air Station Map for location of the following described plan of utilization for the following specific areas within the various parcels:

Area 1. Kalaeloa Beach Park-About 30 acres are considered ideal for beach park uses; swimming, surfing, picnicking and other recreation. A comfort station, picnic tables, a bathhouse and campsites, though old, already exist here and are in reasonably good condition. The area slopes south to the ocean from an elevation of about 10 feet above sea level at the road. Soil is loose sand over coral outcrop with little soil cover.

Area 10. Downtown Mini Park/Department of Parks and Recreation Baseyard and Driver Training Facility-As the original proposed park maintenance site was to be developed on one of the parcels withdrawn from our application (Area 8) we propose utilizing approximately 2 acres of this 7.5 acre site for a downtown mini park and other undeveloped areas for a department baseyard and driver training facility for Department of Parks and Recreation staff.

Area 9a, 9b and 9c. Other Recreational Activities-These areas represent approximately 250 acres of land that is fairly level, sloping slightly toward to the sea with elevations ranging from about 25 to 55 feet. This area includes the Coral Pit that cuts into an area along the south side of Bismarck Sea Road, just east of Coral Sea Road.

Approximately 100 of the 250 acres were identified for development of various recreational activities not related to the development of a Sports Training Facility on the other 150 acres that was envisioned to be built out over a 20- year period.

The department does not consider the development of a Sports Training Facility described in the 1999 application as being economically feasible.

The department proposes to utilize about 10 acres along the south side of Independence Road and northeast of the National Guard area for much needed community gardens. This is fairly level land; sloping to the ocean with hard-packed coral rubble over the coral outcrop with some imported soil requiring only a few more inches of additional soil to be brought in. In addition, we recognize two large existing buildings formally used by the Navy as a small aircraft hangar for equipment storage. Once converted, these buildings would accommodate park maintenance machinery and materials.

In addition, the asphalt runway and surrounding areas from the abandoned airfield is suited for a myriad of recreational activities such as skating, frisbee golf and model airplane flying, that can provide recreational opportunities to the public until it is timely and feasible to construct major infrastructure and facilities.

It has been over a decade since the City's master plan for the Naval Air Station Barbers Point properties were reflected in the 1999 application and we are in the process of updating that plan.

The City appropriated \$50,000 in the FY 2011 Capital Budget and a consultant has been recently selected. We anticipate the master plan to be completed by year end.

This master plan will address the alternatives available to the department in utilization of those 150 acres previously designated for a sports training facility.

WHEREAS, In the past 30 years the City has subsidized and funded Billions for non-revenue generating Recreation Public use of Skateboard parks, Swimming-pools, Soccer fields, Basketball courts, Football Fields, Multi-purpose Gyms, Archery and Shooting ranges, Baseball fields, Tennis courts, Dog parks, Volleyball Courts, Sand Volleyball, Botanical Gardens, and Golf courses and driving ranges. It is demonstrably clear that the City of Honolulu has neglected the needs and considerations to accommodate the motorsports community of Oahu with a Motorsports Park Facility and actively discriminates against the needs of taxpaying motorsports fans on the Island of Oahu by subsidizing every other conventional sport and park. Currently city is discussing a \$70 million dollar project to restore the Natatorium for the 3rd time and possibly building a Ferris wheel at Ala Moana Beach park with taxpayers money.

The City Council 9-0 has unanimously approved **Resolution 18-73** requiring the City and County of Honolulu **to Facilitate the Development a Motorsports Raceway Park on Oahu**, and Unanimously finds that the need for an Oahu raceway park or racetrack is urgent, longstanding, and a matter of public safety; therefore,

WE OPPOSE THE MOTORSPORTS RECREATION AND RACERS DISCRIMINATION SENTIMENTS Of JOHN BOND and the HCR 182 Supporters that hate racing and are against motorsports.

This Testimony has been Prepared By:



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AAC is a Regulatory Consulting Company (established 1988) in excellent business standings HCE /Hi Pro compliant, licensed in the State of Hawaii specializing in complicated Environmental Compliance issues ranging from EPA Regulated Hazardous Materials issues, Lead, PCB, Asbestos and EPA RCRA metals contaminated soils to erosion control, Construction and Engineering BMP, EA/EIS and land use ordinances at the State and Federal Level. Current Projects and Clients of AAC include Federal Department of Defense, Pearl Harbor/ Navy, Hickam Airforce Base, US Army Schofield Barracks, US Coast Guard, and the State of Hawaii. AAC has the professional licensed capacity, with 30 years' experience, to address complex regulatory environmental or historical issues pertaining to this property on behalf of the Non-Profit entities represented.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2019 11:33:33 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Gier	Hawaii Aviation Preservation Society	Support	No

Comments:

The events of December 7, 1941 speak for themselves. Combat focused on, around, and above the Ewa Marine Air Base on that day comprise an integral and critical phase of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Ewa Field was a prime navigation point for Japanese ingress and egress, and is in all likelihood where some of the first, if not the very first, shots were fired. An important target in its own right, it sustained multiple attacks. All aircraft were destroyed. The Japanese also strafed the area, including civilian housing areas of the nearby Ewa Sugar Plantation. Marines were killed on Ewa Field and local civilians were wounded, all in direct combat activities.

Ewa Field was also the focus of fierce air-to-air combat, witnessing numerous dogfights and casualties on both sides directly overhead or just off-shore.

Ewa Marine Air Base is more than a memorial to those who fought and died on December 7, 1941. It is the first home of Marine Corps Aviation in the Pacific. It is a memorial to the thousands of Marine Aviators that deployed into the Pacific Theater of Operations in both WWII and Korea. For hundreds of those Marines Ewa Marine Air Base was the last plot of U.S. soil they ever saw, having given the full measure of their devotion to our nation.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2019 10:39:30 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nikola Saban	Nikola's Auto Center LLC	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha my name is Nikola Saban, a small business owner in kailua and proud fiance of a US navy veteran. I am oposing this bill due to number of reasons however my main reason is that such a location is very unique and very remote for tourists and visitors. It is also an area that a racetrack is proposed at and it would make a more logical and economical sense. Due to the sites location and remoteness it makes for a perfect motorsports recrearional site.

After a very short research I have found over 30 different memorial sites some of which see millions of visitors a year and are world famous, to remember our fallen soldiers who fought for our freedom. There is no motorsports parks at all on Oahu.

Economically state would spend large sums of money to build and maintain such a site, which will have very limited number of visitors and would be a burden on a state budget and therefore tax payers money. Unlike motorsports park which would see hundreds of thousand visitors a year and would be funded using other resources.

Motorsports park will allow our community to grow and make it much safer. It will allow our keiki to have fun as well as provide the outlet for car enthusiasts to build a safer island with less street racing which has claimed so many lives. It will benefit university of Hawaii with education and provide a test site for their formula team. Other benefits will include a large influx of new tourists that are also car enthusiasts which will stimulate our islands economy on multiple levels and create new jobs. I dont see that happening with a memorial park except few additional jobs for people managing the property which would be paid using tax payers money again.

In conclusion street racing due to lack of a racetrack has claimed so many lives on Oahu. Driving around the island we see hundreds of memorials on the side of the street at crash sites. I would like to build something that will have less of these types of memorials on streets and give a place to car enthusiasts. In no way am I against building a memorial site for war veterans however this remote site is not at all feasible. It is not to undermine the lives who have been claimed by the war nor is dishonoring them. It just could be built at a better site and there is more flexible options for such a memorial, unfortunately there is no other alternative site for motorsports recreation. Let's save lives and make our community better off by building a really useful site that

wont cost nearly as much and that will improve the economy of our island and the lifestyle we have.

Nikola Saban

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Submitted on: 3/19/2019 10:41:25 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brett Pruitt	British Car Club of Hawaii	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I would like to voice strong OPPOSITION to HRC 182, which seeks to block the creation of a badly needed motorsports park. This site is the best and maybe the only site on Oahu that is suitable. Finally after years of waiting the motorsport community has an opportunity to have a city facility like Maui and the big Island. The site has been used for just this purpose for many years when the land was controlled by the military. I know this because I race there for many year and we never had an issue. Please OPPOSE this effort to bock this much-needed project. Thank you.

Brett Pruitt, President

British Car Club of Hawaii

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Submitted on: 3/19/2019 9:51:42 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Avery J Tsui	Hawaii Region Sports Car Club of America	Oppose	No

Comments:

Honored Lawmakers,

My name is Avery Tsui. I work as a Senior Administrator Quotations for a large electrical distribution company in their Honolulu branch. I'm also the current Regional Executive for the Hawaii Region of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA).

I and the Hawaii Region of SCCA oppose HCR 182.

- HCR 182 wants to expand on Historic 1941 Ewa Airfield. But those boundaries have already been set years ago

- HCR 182 proposes more "green ball field" uses for property between Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant and Kalaeloa airport. This hot, arid property is better perfectly suited for a Raceway Park

Respectively, Avery

Avery Tsui

Regional Executive

Hawaii Region Sports Car Club of America

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Submitted on: 3/19/2019 9:46:09 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rob Riter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Rob Riter and oppose HCR182. The area is between Kalaeloa Airport and Honolulu Sewage Treatment Plant. It is hot and arid and not well suited to "green park" uses like soccer fields and baseball/softball diamonds. Furthermore, there are plenty of such parks and fields around the island. I feel this land can be used better for other purposes.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2019 9:53:07 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Hisaoka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Just wanted to express my concern that there is no Motorsports park on the island, despite the large number of people we have here in Honolulu. If you have noticed, the number of traffic fatalities is skyrocketing. People NEED a Motorsports park not only as a recreational outlet, but also to learn valuable driving skills. How to handle your car in a scary situation in a split second AND how not to freak out in a sticky situation!

The Island of Oahu already has green parks, they already have military memorials, but what we DO NOT have is a Motorsports park. It's been a hardship for the car enthusiasts for many years.

When you do car sports, it's fun AND educational. Because people use their own cars for racing, they get to know how their car handles and know its limits.

Motorsports such as Autocross and Drifting in a safe environment gets racers off the street and on the track. Racing organizations such as SCCA, promote safe driving on public streets and competition ONLY on the track.

I'm 40 years old, a mother of 2, and I enjoy Autocrossing my Mazda Miata on the track at the Aloha Stadium. It has made me a better driver on the streets and more aware of my surroundings.

We are very grateful to the Aloha Stadium to allow us to race on their parking lot, however, it is only half the size of all other Autocross tracks nationally, and we need a bigger space to be competitive on a national level. Many of our members go on to represent Hawaii and race at the National Events on the mainland.

Having a Motorsports Park will not only benefit the younger generation, but the 40 somethings and older as well. I strongly believe the more people that try out Autocross racing, will make the streets of Honolulu a safer place to drive.

Please help push the Motorsports Park initiative through.

Thank you!
Amy Hisaoka

HCR-182

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 9:53:53 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samuel Yoo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha!

My name is Samuel Yoo and I oppose HCR182. Although I respect the preservation of historic and cultural sites, I believe there needs to be a preservation of other aspects of history as well. As many automotive enthusiasts know, even though several generations, there is absolutely zero allocated resources to at the moment to preserve and revives Oahu's history of automotive sports. For context, we can examine other neighboring islands which have a balance of preservation in all aspects of historical emblems which INCLUDE motorsports parks for public use. Such use is described in City Resolution 18-265. It would provide a safe, family-friendly park that provides a safe place to revive/restore automotive history while providing numerous other benefits for the community.

Sincerely,

Samuel Yoo

HCR-182

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 10:20:41 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott-Michael Waracka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha

Chair Takayama,

Vice Chair Gates,

Members of PVM Committee,

My name is Scott-Michael Waracka and I am submitting testimony in opposition to HCR182 today as it will block the use of the city park as described in city resolution 18-265. The passing of this resolution will directly block any chance of this land being used for a city owned racetrack. You might ask who cares about "racetracks" in Hawaii. Well contrary to what you might think the racing community is quite large and very motivated to get a permanent racing facility here on Oahu. I have been a member of this community since birth and can testify that this community needs a racing facility. With the closing of Hawaii Raceway Park in 2006 the auto enthusiast have had to find alternative ways to race with a bunch of racers shipping cars to the continental US in order to get seat time. This is really not cost effective as a race weekend has gone from around \$500 to around the \$5,000. This cost has made it near impossible for the average guy to continue to afford the sport. This is why I am in opposition to HCR182. I ask for your help not allowing HCR182 to continue as this will directly affect the large racing community efforts to bring a racing facility back to Oahu.

Thank you for your time.

Have a great day.

Scott-Michael Waracka

Concerned Auto Enthusiast

808-230-4019

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Submitted on: 3/19/2019 10:23:17 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marcus Suzuki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Marcus Suzuki. I was born and raised on Oahu and currently work as an engineer at SPAWAR. I have a wife and 3 children and have been a motorsport enthusiast and have been involved in the local motorsport and car enthusiast community for about 20 years. I feel that I am a contributing member of this community and that my voice is as important as any other. I am opposed to HCR 182 as it seeks to block use of the City Park described in City Resolution 18-265 for Motorsports or a Raceway Park by designating it for "green ball park" uses. City Resolution 18-265 is very important to me and I believe to our community, much more so than HCR182. Thank you!

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/19/2019 10:46:33 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jarrold Barlow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am submitting my testimony against HCR182. in favor of a City owned and run racetrack which I believe is long over due. The island of Oahu has close to 1 million cars and even more drivers with alot of them being car enthusiasts and the want to push their vehicles to the limit. We need a safe and legal environment to so instead of the public streets for obvious reasons. I believe it can also bring in a decent revenue as it is a spectators sport as well.

No on HCR182

Sincerely, Jarrod Barlow

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Submitted on: 3/19/2019 11:07:41 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Stiegmann	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi there,

My name is Andrew Stiegmann and I have been a resident on Oahu now for the last 2+ years. I am writing to express my opposition to this measure. The Ewa airfield's location and circumstance can be much better used than having it be set aside for green purposes. Use of any green site would be deterred due to the noise from the nearby airfield and from the smell of the nearby sewage plant. I would much prefer to see the space used to fill a missing need of a raceway here on the island that has been missing for some time. Thank you for your time and consideration.

LATE

HCR-182

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 12:15:30 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louis Torraca	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HCR-182

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 1:13:52 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matt Tom	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Matt Tom and I am a resident of Oahu. I moved to Honolulu in 2015 as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). It was on Oahu that I was introduced to autocross, which is a safe activity that is promoted by the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA). I am also a member of SCCA Hawai'i, which is a local organization that encourages safe driving through the use of autocross, which is an obstacle course made up of parking cones. To the uninitiated, it looks just like a racetrack. To the initiated, autocross is a way to promote safe, defensive driving because it forces you to utilize skills that are critical in driving safely, such as looking ahead, plotting out courses to navigate around obstacles, and also teaching you the limits of your vehicle.

I am submitting testimony OPPOSING HCR182. The area in question that is being acquired for the future Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park blocks the Raceway Park effort by expanding the 1941 Historic Ewa Airfield to include the property that is needed for a Raceway Park. This area in question, which is between Kalaeloa Airport and Honouliuli Sewage Treatment plant is a hot and arid environment that is not well suited to "green park" uses like soccer fields and baseball/softball diamonds as claimed in HCR182.

Historically, across the nation, the SCCA has hosted events on military airfields since the 1940's, when General Lemay allowed SCCA use of military airfields for SCCA Road Racing. Also, SCCA Hawai'i has hosted events at the Resolution 18-265 location in the late 1990's and other locations in the Barber's Point area all the way up to 2014.

While noise from motorsports events can be a concern, we have a letter from the State Dept of Health stating there have been no noise complaints regarding Kalaeloa Raceway Park from 2010-2014, a letter from Aloha Stadium stating there are no noise complaints in 16 years for SCCA related events there, and an email from Kualoa Ranch stating no noise complaints related to SCCA events which started at the Ranch in 2012.

A Raceway Park on Honolulu City Park Land would be a benefit to economic

development for many businesses. It would be modeled after similar Raceway Parks on the Islands of Maui and the Big Island. The area in question will also be a perfect location to promote safe driving skills to the general public as well as a safe training location for law enforcement and emergency response drivers. Thus promoting public safety.

If HCR182 passes, there would not be any places on the island of Oahu for the development of a Raceway Park. The land in question is not suited for green space so including it in the future Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park would make this land useless and wasted.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Matt Tom, MSN, CRNA

HCR-182

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 1:34:43 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean Rauenhorst	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/19/2019 1:36:25 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David E Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please save Ewa Field as a memorial to the fallen.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leon Clark	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The opposition to the racetrack is unjustified. If opposition continues we will rise up against you. We will band together to oust you from the throne that you are resting you tired and old feet upon, with jagged and misplaced morals and values. Allow ingenuity and progress to make the island better.

Punish the people and surely they will punish you

-Some guy in the American Revolution probably

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rick Nakama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am Rick Nakama and started participating in the MotorSports in 1990, as a senior in high school. I was part of a 2 person team from my high school that competed in a nationally sponsored automotive mechanics technology competition. This steered my interests and goals to enter Honolulu Community College's Automotive Technology program and I graduated with a. Associate in Science degree from there. Following that, I soon began working in the local motorsports industry as a technician and later as a retail and service MotorSports shop manager and technician. After the closure of Hawaii Raceway Park, that industry has pretty much died on the island of Oahu and I do not have the desire to relocate to an outer island or another state or country to continue because I have too much family keeping me here. The closure has forced me and many of my friends and peers from that era into other lines of work that we may not have invested our college foals towards. We continue to do what we can with what has been allocated for use by the local SCCA organization for monthly occasiiona autocross racing events, but that is only one type of motorsports that is making due with what little is provided. If the Aloha Stadium location in the parking lot becomes unavailable, this also threatens the continuation of autocross.

Please do not allow any bills that will prevent a future of motorsports return to the island of Oahu.

Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alex Shu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi, my name is Alex and i would like to OPPOSE this bill. I feel like we have enough memorials on Oahu and this land could be used for other and better purposes. For instance, a race track to serve Oahus civilian and military car community.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael W Sawamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ashton wells	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Ashton Wells, and I am the owner/operator of Aloha Mobile Auto Glass. I have been working on cars since I was 13, and love motorsports. I would like to see the land mentioned in this bill used for a motorsports facility. I currently race at the stadium with SCCA at the aloha stadium, and with the potential of losing our only legal/designated area to compete on a road course, (parking lot) we should use this land for a motorsports outlet. I OPPOSE HCR 182!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo!

Ashton Wells

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gene Gibo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly believe we need for a safe location for those whose interest are in motorsports. To completely close any opportunity for another raceway to open is I believe a very selfish action. I do believe we need to properly preserve the past so as not to repeat our mistakes, but to do so just to stop anothers' attempt to create a safe haven for motorsports fans is quite detrimental to all. I had the opportunity to enjoy Hawaii Raceway Park while it was still open, and it has created many an opportunity for me to become a proper contributing member of society. Without a safe place for our youth to enjoy motorsports, not only do we endanger the public in general, but we also endanger those youth who want to further any interest they may have in the automotive industry in general. Just as we have students who can and want to further their studies in science, language, and other academic endeavors, we also have those who would like to further their knowledge and skills in vocational and athletic endeavors. We are not all academically inclined. We all should be able to give everyone an opportunity in this state of Aloha. I hope we all can unselfishly give those who have these sort of interest a place to enjoy their hobby, or even profession, safely.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
matthew scarfone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Thank you for your time. I am Matthew Scarfone an engineer at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. I am an Oahu resident that was born and raised here and I am in opposition of this measure.

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Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Morgan Bonnet	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

I oppose this resolution because I believe this land should be reserved to build a much needed racetrack on Oahu. This land could be used for a multi-use venue. The US Military already owns a vast area of land on Oahu and should have no issue finding a place for a Museum.

Mahalo,

Morgan Bonnet

Chair of DPH District 25

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leon Sims	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Aloha, My name is Leon Sims and I am submitting this testimony in opposition of HCR182. As a retired veteran (24 years, USN), I believe there are more than enough areas around the island already designated as historical sites. I believe this resolution is being enacted in order to cast a shadow on another resolution 18-265 to designate the area as a motorsport or raceway park.

What the city needs is a legal place for car enthusiasts to practice and improve their driving skills that will keep them from doing so on the streets and highways of Oahu. I grew up on the mainland, but have lived here for over 40 years. I've witnessed a lot of changes, some good, some bad. I firmly believe one of the worst decisions made by the city was to tear down the Hawaii Raceway Park. When I was younger, I remember going to there on Friday and Saturday nights to watch others race and also participate in what was then known as "grudge races". Each contestant would pay \$5.00 per race in order to cover costs experienced by the track and would then be allowed to race their cars against the clock and another car one lane over. It was also a great way of improving an individual's driving skills, not on the roads and freeways around the island.

It also helped keep people out of the bars and off the streets when they were drinking. If you look back at statistics, there is no comparison.

Part of the requirements was that the individuals wore safety helmets, hard soled shoes and provided valid proof of insurance on their vehicles. There was also NO alcohol allowed to be consumed. When the night was over, people would go on their way. There weren't people screeching their tires or lining up for races on the roads and freeways. HPD officers were allowed to do their jobs and not have to double their efforts of patrols and also constantly watching for people racing on the streets like they do now. There are always going to be accidents, but I'm sure many could be prevented if this type of venue was in place.

It's also a shame that other islands like Hawaii Island, Kauai and Maui all have their own motorsport venues, but yet we as the most populated island, do not.

Please consider this testimony as opposition to HCR182.

Thank you

Leon Sims

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adrian Ma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Adrian Ma. I am a full time student at Hawaii Pacific University and a passionate car/motoring enthusiast.

I am opposed to HCR 182, which seeks to block use of the City Park described in City Resolution 18-265 for Motorsports or a Raceway Park by designating it for "green ball park".

I am speaking my opposition because I believe that while there are plenty of sports/recreation fields within Oahu, there are not enough facilities for motoring enthusiast like myself to legally race and enjoy our vehicles that we invest in, devote our time to, and find means of escape in away from the stress of day-to-day life. If baseball enthusiasts/fans have property to enjoy their games and the sport, why cannot we as racing enthusiasts have the same facilities on this island?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Sato	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi there, I wish to oppose HCR182. I am a motorsports enthusiast and HCR182 seeks to block the use of the city park described in City Resolution 18-265 as a motorsports park. I wish to see the use of the city park described in City Resolution 18-265 as a motorsports or raceway park.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tolkien Leung	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Tolkien Leung and I oppose this Resolution (HCR 182) to add additional space by using this location. The district has more than enough green ball park spaces and this particular space fits the need of a Raceway Park (City Resolution 18-265) to allow the engineering, educational and automotive industries and related technological advancement opportunities to stimulate our limited economy here.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jonathan weber	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello, My name is Jonathan Weber. I was born and raised in Okinawa, Japan but moved to Oahu in 2005 and attended Mililani High School my freshman year. I was brought up in a family of automotive enthusiast, but never had the opportunity to take my passion for cars to any kind of race track. I was too young to own a car while growing up in Japan, and by the time I was of age to drive a car of my own in Hawaii, the track had already closed.

I am writing you to let my **opposition to HCR 182** known. Oahu needs an outlet, for enthusiast like my self to drive legally and safely in a space of our own. Oahu has an outlet for nearly every kind of enthusiast, but none for those like myself.

Thank you for your time,

Jonathan Weber

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nolan Suzuki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Nolan Suzuki. I'm writing this email in regards to my opposition to House Concurrent Resolution 182.

Currently there are no County of Honolulu Motorsports venues and one is sorely needed. Please note the residents of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii are able to enjoy Motorsports on County owned land. In addition, the site addressed by 18-265 have a lot of existing asphalt from the 1945 era Army Air Corp runway and taxiway operations. We know these areas sit outside the 1941 era airfield, and as such, would not disturb or disrupt the historical value. It would be much more cost effective to re-furbish or reuse these already asphalt areas motorsports instead of spending a higher amount in order to clear the construction and then to ready the area for a leisure park. Finishing the area into track would be a win win for City Parks Department and motorsport enthusiasts. The location of this land between a sewer treatment plant and an active airport is the best possible location on island for a Motorsport area to minimize any impact on concerned neighbors.

I would also like to point out that "young" enthusiasts such as myself never had the opportunity to experience a track. My father would always tell me stories about the life long friends that he had made doing what he loved. He'd always tell me, "You better not be doing that on the street, only causes trouble. If you had a beef with someone you'd settle it on the track."

More and more I see enthusiasts taking it to the street because they don't have anywhere to go; and not only do they put themselves in danger but we have all seen first hand that it puts the public in danger as well. I personally believe that if given a place and chance we as enthusiasts on Oahu can express our love and passion for motorsports in a controlled area will be safer for everyone.

Much of the public has the completely wrong image of car and motorsport enthusiasts. Due to a few acting out and injuring themselves and others the group as a whole gets painted as criminals. Ask anyone who's a real enthusiast, the car community is one of, if not the most, tight-knit communities out there. Look at any forum or page, when someone needs help they ask and people come out of the woodwork to assist. The car community also loves to give back. Many car clubs including a few that I have been in

host charity events where 100% of everything raised is donated. I'd encourage people who do not know the car scene to come out to controlled meets such as 'Cars and Coffee' to see how the community really is. These are not just "cars" to us. We put our hearts and souls into these vehicles and it really shows at events like these. As a 23 year old I could easily be out partying or drinking but instead I am in the garage with my group of friends working on cars. It is a very positive community to be a part of and I think it's about time that the "new generation" gets a chance to experience what our friends / families have got to in the past.

I believe the opening of a track or race park would also benefit the state financially as well. Hawaii is already a favorite in the tourism industry. Imagine how much more the state could bring in from people traveling to see race teams or other hosts such as formula drift. Crowds will gather and pay admission to cheer on their favorite teams / racer much like any other forms of sport. This could be a completely new source of income for Oahu as well as keeping racing off of the streets. Thank you very much for your time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mikol E Westling	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Mikol E Westling and while I am a resident of Maui County, I am a racer that opposes this bill and is in favor of building a drag racing facility on Oahu. I would like to have a venue that I can ship my vehicle to and compete at periodically. While I support the tracks on other islands I would also like to support a track on Oahu. My traveling off-island and supporting other tracks also contributes to the revenue on each island and ultimately supports each county and the state government with tax dollars I spend on each island. Many other racers on Maui have expressed the same interest in supporting a track in Oahu through similar participation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rita Hwang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Rita Hwang. I feel that we have more than enough military memorials on Oahu and it would be silly to designate a large amount of money to build another one. So to be clear, I DO NOT SUPPORT the creation of Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park. Please designate this parcel of land for something us residents can enjoy on a regular basis, like a race track. Thank you, Rita.

LATE

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Albert Carter	SCCA Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing to support SCCA Hawaii. As a graduate of UH Manoa College of Engineering I dealt first hand with the shortcomings of not having a motorsports facility on Oahu. As a mechanical engineering student we participate in national and international competitions where we design and build small race cars but without a dedicated site to test and learn we are at a disadvantage to mainland schools. Please consider this when making your decision.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerel Mudloff	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Jerel Mudloff and I am a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I oppose HCR182 because it would block the use of the ewa field land for Resolution 18-265. Hawaii is a great place to live with many outlets for recreational activities such as golf, hiking, tennis, or swimming, but it does not have much support for motorsports. I believe a Motorsports or Raceway park at Ewa field land that would come with Resolution 18-265 would be an excellent addition to Hawaii, therefore I oppose HCR182.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jimmy Yang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Jimmy Yang and I am currently a student in UH Manoa. I oppose HCR182 because resolution 18-265 is better suited for this use of area as there is no dedicated outlet for racing enthusiasts.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
damian smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Although I feel historic sites are needed, I also strogly feel that on an island that very limited land available for the public's use, there is much better use of such large land lmass such as this. I feel the young, middle age and older residents of Oahu would be much better served from a motor sports park that not only adds value and happiness to many in this community, but also as a way to keep the streets safe. A properly run motor sports park can be profitable and also provide a great resource for our youth to channel their mental and physical resources on to a positive pathway.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Howard Shek	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Howard, and I am writing to oppose HCR182.

This island already has a WW2 memorial which honors the brave and fallen, as well as educates the public about the history of the war. The memorial I am referring to is Pearl Harbor, which I would argue is already a beautiful monument which achieves everything that the proposed "green park" would do.

With this location being hot and arid, it would make for a less than ideal space for a memorial park. You can't honor the brave and fallen with patches of dirt and dried grass, and an attempt to maintain a lush green park in this location would be highly uneconomical. Imagine the amount of water you would need to maintain a grass field in what is essentially a desert.

I believe there are far better uses for this land than a "green park", one that would far better benefit the community and economy. Thank you for hearing my testimony.

LATE

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frank Schultz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rick Ferris	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Philip Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Philip Johnson. I have lived in this beautiful state for over five years. During this time, I have been fortunate enough to experience many of the island's highlights, both natural and manmade. Despite the diversity of activities to enjoy, the automotive community is lacking a racetrack which is a major component of this hobby. Even though some of our neighbor islands that are smaller and less populated can enjoy a racetrack, here on Oahu we can not.

It is a regular occurrence that the news is reporting another tragic pedestrian accident due to performance enthusiasts taking their passion of performance driving to the public streets. Having a public racetrack where these activities can be regulated would decrease these negative incidents on our public roads.

We pride ourselves as having arguably the most beautiful state in the U.S., but our emission laws do not require us to meet any standards for environmental preservation. This could be a good thing if you are trying to make more power from your engine, yet this "benefit" is wasted since there is no legal racetrack you can enjoy your additional horse power at. One could argue that without emission laws in place, the entire state of Hawaii is encouraging the pursuit of performance since there is no barrier to having a clean exhaust. In contrast to another state, California, has the nation's most strict emission laws yet still is home to numerous iconic racetracks.

As a service member, the significance of the proposed site is not lost on me. However, I do also recognize that many service members want a place they can legally enjoy their car's performance instead of another historical park. Given the amount of military members on island along with the established automotive community, the racetrack could also serve as a community builder as well as a source of financial income for the state.

In summary, with the island's growing population and shrinking landscape, it is my belief that we should prioritize the future of the island instead of halting progress in order to preserve more of the past.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Minh Pham	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a federal employee within a component agency in the Department of Defense. I am also a United States Navy Veteran, submariner, cryptologist, husband, and father of two young girls who I want to have all the opportunities that I can afford. What this means to me is if they decide to have a career in health care, computer science, military, public service, or anything else, I will support them and find supporting communities to allow them both to succeed.

Contrary to life in a diverse and progressive state, it is surprising that there are limits to opportunities set on our aspiring youth. If my daughter wants to become a high performance mechanic, motorsports supplier, defensive driving instructor, or mechanical engineer such as those in UH Manoa's Formula SAE team... those supporting communities are limited. They don't have to be this way, we can make this world inclusive of diverse communities. I prefer inclusion, which is why I am compelled to write this testimony to oppose HCR 182.

HCR 182 proposes Ewa field be considered for a national monument/landmark to be used for a memorial park. This compelling argument is predicated because the field was one of the first to be attacked during WWII. We should consider that this field was within the first wave among the third group of targets; after Pearl Harbor, Ford Island, Wheeler Field, and Hickam Field.

I strongly oppose HCR 182 and support SCR 108, which allocates airstrip property outside of the WWII airfield preservation boundary to be used for a safe venue to be used in motorsports. The climate in Ewa would not be ideal for a memorial park due to its proximity to sewage treatment facilities, active airfield, costs of terraforming dry/arid landscape, and maintenance costs to sustain memorial property.

We are fortunate that we currently have the opportunity to show our keiki the monuments, military relics, and platforms from WWII. We are also fortunate to currently be able to visit WWII memorial parks while enjoying time with our ohana. Other parts of our country aren't as fortunate in these areas. SCR 108 presents an opportunity for us to give something that we currently don't have to future generations. The decision of how we use this land should be inclusive of the communities and heavy consideration to the opportunities we choose for our sons and daughters.

Thank you and mahalo for your support to our communities,

Minh Pham

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Do	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi,

My name is Alan Do and I would like to express my opposition to HCR 182. I am opposed to blocking the Raceway Park as I believe it will not be as beneficial to our city and county of Honolulu. We need a safe and controlled outlet for car enthusiasts. Although I believe that parks are a great community addition, we currently do not have a permanent location for car enthusiasts to experience the fun of racing. We have autocross and rallycross hosted by SCCA Hawaii at the Aloha Stadium and Kualoa Ranch. These are great for rookies and veteran drivers who want to learn how to handle their cars and enjoy the thrill of racing in a safe environment. However, these venues are temporary and not well known. There is also the possibility of holding classes for new or experienced drivers in a controlled environment. Interested people could learn how to better their driving skills or even handle their vehicles in an emergency. This would also benefit law enforcement and emergency response drivers. I believe that the maintenance for the park will exceed an asphalt race track as the area is hot and arid. I am also sure that there are many car enthusiasts, including SCCA Hawaii, that will take care of and maintain the track. I've been a participant of autocross at the Aloha Stadium and have learned many skills and defensive/emergency driving techniques. These have proven invaluable in my daily life as well as driving overseas. I am opposed to HCR 182 as I believe the creation of a Raceway Park will be much more beneficial to the community and island residents. Thank you for your time!

LATE

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Evan Harris	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello. My name is Evan Harris. Thank you for reviewing my testimony. I served for several years and I support most things military. However I do not support this bill. I am not sure why a contractor has already been selected in the building of this war memorial. It seems very backwards to name a contractor before any bill has passed or any plans have been made. This seems like one of those non-competitive contracts or back room type deals. Furthermore, I feel that we already have too many war memorials on Oahu. It would be far more useful and practical to have something like a race track for the civilian and military residents to use. Thank you for your time. Evan Harris

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Wong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Congressmen and Congresswomen,

I am offering testimony in opposition of HCR 182 and support the use of the extremely scare resource of available land for public parks usage to build a motorsports park. The motorsports culture has always been and is strong. However, the island of Oahu, our most populous island and capital of the state does not have a motorsports park available for our citizens.

The dedication of this land towards another memorial park does not benefit the citizens of our state as a motorsports park would. If I may suggest a survey of our state to determine how best to utilize this property.

Our motorsports community has endured over a decade without a facility to compete, play, and educate our children in motorsports. Many government agencies such as police, EMS, fire, etc. would also benefit from a motorsports complex to train their personnel in a safe, and appropriate facility.

Please consider the needs of our motorsports community. Keep the racing off the road, and on the track!

Mahalo,

Dr. William K. Wong, Jr.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alvin Goya	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Alvin Goya. I was born and raised on Oahu and in my college years, I became a high performance automobile enthusiast. I began attending races at the only race track on Oahu, Hawaii Raceway Park. I, later, decided to participate, in drag racing, and began modifying the engine in a car that I owned and ran it at the raceway.. Later, I even built a fully modified race only car and began running it in 1988 until the racetrack closed in 2006. It has been sitting dormant ever since.

We have been without a proper racetrack, ever since, and Oahu is the only major island that does not have a race track, even though we have the most racing enthusaist.

I have many friend that are in the business of automotive repair and they're having a hard time finding young workers who have a "mechanical minds" and are capable of working as a mechanic. They lack the "hands on" experience that tinkering with an automobile engine give when trying to boost engine performance to run at a race track. Many of these repair shop owners are saying that automotive engine repair is "dying" here on Oahu due to the lack in interest that working on a car for a track would build.

The lack of ineterest in the automotive repair field is getting less and less ever since Hawaii Raceway Park closed. We need a new racetrack and the land that was propose would be Ideal. We could not need another park as bill number HCR182 proposes.

Another point to consider is turning the land into a memorial park would only incur additonal maintenance expense added to the state budget. It would certainly cost a lot of money to maintain 400 acres as a park. A racetrack on half of the area would offset the cost, because a racetrack would not cost that much to maintain. And racer are always eager to volunteer to help, free of charge, to do some of the required maintainance. (That was the situation when Hawaii Raceway Park was open. Thank you for reading this testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick Casey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

March 19, 2019

Aloha,

My name is Patrick Casey, long time resident of Windward Oahu. As a former professional truck driver, advanced driving techniques instructor, and environmental geologist, I wish to express my OPPOSITION to HCR 182, which seeks to block use of the City Park described in the widely- supported City Resolution 18-265 for Motorsports or a Raceway Park by designating it for "green ball park" uses.

Competition is a deeply-rooted part of our American heritage- in many ways, it is part of our 'DNA'. Americans successfully compete worldwide using almost every know form of transportation: on foot, bicycles, airplanes, boats, and of course, cars. Historically, Hawaiian racers have gained national recognition for their skills, learned here, on Hawaiian soil. Please note Governor Ige's recent recognition and award to the UH Formula SAE racing team's National accomplishments. During that award, the Governor expressed the need for a Motorsports facility on Oahu.

Oahu has the majority of people, and cars, in Hawaii, but no legal outlet to enjoy competitive motorsports. From the 40s and 50s through 2006, there have been several popular and well-used motorsports tracks on Oahu.

How many green ball parks exist on Oahu? Dozens?

How many motorsports facilities? 0

Please OPPOSE HCR 182. It is time to move forward, and build a Motorsports facility on Oahu.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to voice my concerns, and my OPPOSITION to HCR 182.

Respectfully,

Patrick Casey

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HCR-182

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 8:51:00 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jesse garo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Jesse Garo a Hawaii resident of over 30 years. I oppose HCR182 because it will block the LAST hope of Oahu's long suffering racing community from getting a race track. There are already many historical sites in Oahu yet not so many visitors (if any at all) make the trip to kalaeloa for its historical significance. I feel that this sudden interest in the land is unfair to the racing community who have been fighting for over 10 years to obtain a safe location for motorsports (specifically kalaeloa). Furthermore, there is nowhere else left for the racers to go as all alternate locations island wide either conflict with the department of hawaiian homestead or would generate noise complaints. Please take into consideration that Oahu is the most populated island with the heaviest concentration of motorsports enthusiasts and we do not have a race track like our neighbor islands do. Give the youth a safe place to enjoy where the land will best be utilized.

Mahalo,

Jesse Garo

HCR-182

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 10:37:33 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Dunn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support HCR 182

Support for the CREATION OF THE EWA BATTLEFIELD MEMORIAL PARK

I enthusiastically support the creation of the Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park for the following reasons. I am a volunteer, since 2006, at the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum. A professional study was conducted about why people visit Pearl Harbor and specifically the Aviation Museum. It was determined by this study that people come to see Pearl Harbor, they do not come to see aviation or aircraft. There are hundreds of aviation museums throughout America. People want to have a sense of history and they want to witness the locations where history was made. Hence the Pacific Aviation Museum changed its name to the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum.

In the United States of America there are very few places where one can say that they were standing in the location of a World War II battlefield. Pearl Harbor, Hickam, Wheeler, Kaneohe and Ewa are Battlefields where Americans and Japanese fought and died. Four US Marines were killed in action on December 7, 1941 at the Ewa Battlefield, to me this makes it hallowed ground and should be treated as such.

Once created the Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park will become a visitor destination. Let's face it one of the premier attractions in Hawaii is the Valor in The Pacific National Monument. Ewa battlefield should be maintained as a location to remember that day of infamy, where people can stand in the actual location of a World War II battlefield.

Thank you,

James J. Dunn

United States Marine Corps Retired

Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum Founding Volunteer since 2006

Makakilo Resident since 1979

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Submitted on: 3/20/2019 12:33:40 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roel Bonilla	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose bill hcr182. Part of the large area of land is already preserved as an historic site. Available areas should be used for something that local residents can enjoy with their families.

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HCR-182

Submitted on: 3/20/2019 2:15:41 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris M Yamashita	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To the PVM commitee my name is Chris Yamashita,

I am testifying in opposition to HCR182 to use all of the Ewa field land for the creation of a Battle field memorial for world war 2. Because part of the land is to be used for a raceway park for motorsports. To provide a place for drag racing,circle track racing,motor cycle racing and other forms of motorsports to be done in safe and controled setting. Just like the other islands of Big island,Maui,Kauai all have a city and county motorsports facility,ware as Oahu is the only island and capital city of Hawaii that does not have a motorsports park and the biggest population center in the state. I have been a drag racer since I was in high school and have been trained to be a Mechanic by my Dad and going to Leeward community College and have a degree in Automotive Repair and have my own business Yamas Automotive repair and this motorsports park would help to revitalize the automotive industry on Oahu. It would also help stop the illegal street racing from happing and keep our kids from getting killed and learn the right way to race safely.

Thank you very much,

Chris Yamashita

LATE

HCR-182

Submitted on: 3/20/2019 2:16:25 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ian Orton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Ian Kekaimalu Ka'auhaukane Orton. I'm a native Hawaiian, a family member of those who served and those that are currently serving within the United States Armed Forces, as well as an automotive enthusiast.

I am writing in opposition of HCR182 because I disagree with designating the current site to a "green" ball park and war memorial of the proposed size.

I currently support SCR108 which seeks to utilize the site as a non-profit motor sports facility. I support utilizing this site for this reason because I believe it promotes a positive outlet through education, technology, community, as well as it having a positive impact on our economy.

I am open to compromising by designating an area for a war memorial as long as it is constructed with respect and does not impede on safety or operations of the facility. I do believe a compromise could bring all parties together by promoting the history of the area as well as our future through motor sports.

Appreciate those taking the time to review this testimony and to those involved with this process. Hope we can all come together on a compromise that meets all of our interests.

Mahalo,

Ian

HCR-182

Submitted on: 3/20/2019 7:23:09 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Fujita	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi,

My name is Kevin Fujita, a registered voting resident on Oahu. I am voicing my OPPOSITION to HCR182 because it is seeking to block use of the City Park described in City Resolution 18-265 for Motorsports or a Raceway Park by designating it for "green ball park" uses. We have more than enough ball parks on Oahu already and I doubt people would want a park anyways that is located between an airport (Kalaeloa) and a sewage treatment plant (Honouliuli). Also, we are currently the only major Hawaiian Island that does not have a City owned race track, yet we have the highest population by far.

The parcel of land in question was gifted by the Department of the Navy to the State of Hawaii for some sort of non-commercial recreational use. The military brings a lot of car enthusiasts to the islands. Sit at any military gate and you will see a large number of sports cars, modified cars, motorcycles pass through. This would be a great way to give back to the military service members.

In addition to drag racing, autocross, and other motorsport type activities, perhaps the race track could serve dual purposes such as testing for police department cars, road testing for new licensees, and training for emergency medical technicians.

Mahalo for taking my testimony

-Kevin Fujita

HCR-182

Submitted on: 3/20/2019 8:42:41 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Richardson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it further limits the available usable land for community projects, such as the raceway park. The raceway park proposal gives both residents and visitors a place to practice and view automotive events safely and in a controlled environment.

Thank you for your time.

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Submitted on: 3/20/2019 8:49:57 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aaron Eskaran	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Aaron Eskaran, a registered voting resident on Oahu. I am voicing my OPPOSITION to HCR182 because it is seeking to block use of the City Park described in City Resolution 18-265 for Motorsports or a Raceway Park by designating it for "green ball park" uses. We have more than enough ball parks on Oahu already and I doubt people would want a park anyways that is located between an airport (Kalaeloa) and a sewage treatment plant (Honouliuli). Also, we are currently the only major Hawaiian Island that does not have a City owned race track, yet we have the highest population by far. The parcel of land in question was gifted by the Department of the Navy to the State of Hawaii for some sort of non-commercial recreational use. The military brings a lot of car enthusiasts to the islands. Sit at any military gate and you will see a large number of sports cars, modified cars, motorcycles pass through. This would be a great way to give back to the military service members. In addition to drag racing, autocross, and other motorsport type activities, perhaps the race track could serve dual purposes such as testing for police department cars, road testing for new licensees, and training for emergency medical technicians. Mahalo for taking my testimony - Aaron Eskaran

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HCR-182

Submitted on: 3/20/2019 12:46:19 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Montgomery & Anita Manning	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HCR-182

Submitted on: 3/20/2019 7:14:01 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
E. Ileina Funakoshi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

There are important remnants in the Ewa field that needs to be preserved for our future generation to see the battle scars of WWII.

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Submitted on: 3/20/2019 7:31:38 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joel ramos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello

My name is Joel Ramos, born and raised on Oahu. Also a registered voter on Oahu. I was able to run a few of my cars back when we had our track here , it was a awesome experience while I was growing up. I would love to share those experiences with my children and future children to come.

I am voicing my OPPOSITION to HCR182 because it is seeking to block use of the City Park described in City Resolution 18-265 for Motorsports or a Raceway Park by designating it for "green ball park" uses. We have more than enough ball parks on Oahu already and I doubt people would want a park anyways that is located between an airport (Kalaeloa) and a sewage treatment plant (Honouliuli). Also, we are currently the only major Hawaiian Island that does not have a City owned race track, yet we have the highest population by far.

The parcel of land in question was gifted by the Department of the Navy to the State of Hawaii for some sort of non-commercial recreational use. The military brings a lot of car enthusiasts to the islands. I work on base and I see a lot of guys and gals with nicely modified vehicles with outa state plates & Hi license plates . Having a track on Oahu again would bring so much joy to our service members and locals . This would be a great way to give back to the military service members.

In addition to drag racing, autocross, and other motorsport type activities, perhaps the race track could serve dual purposes such as testing for police department cars, road testing for new licensees, and training for emergency medical technicians.

Mahalo for taking my testimony

-Joel Ramos